

# Tax Day-April 15<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to tax relief passed by Republicans in Congress and signed by President Bush this April 15<sup>th</sup> will be far less painful for millions of Americans.

According to recent estimates by the Department of the Treasury:

- Over 105 million Americans have a lighter tax bill thanks to the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003
- Nearly 94 million Americans benefit from the new 10% rate
- 27 million families benefit from the increase in the child tax credit
- Over 32 million married couples enjoy a lower tax burden thanks to the reduction of the marriage penalty

Tax relief has resulted in a growing economy that is producing jobs and creating a better standard of living for Americans.

- March was 22nd straight month of job gains
- 110,000 jobs were created in March
- Over 3 million jobs have been created since May 2003
- More Americans are working than ever before

Now is the time to make tax relief permanent so that we can extend this period of economic growth and allow families to plan for their future without worrying that their taxes might be raised.



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## Senate Republican Conference Jobs Agenda for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress:

Reduce the tax burden on American taxpayers and businesses – Extend the lower dividend and capital-gain tax rates and the higher small business equipment expensing provisions through 2010, while working to repeal the death tax

Energy Bill – Allow American businesses the opportunity to provide reliable and affordable supplies of energy to meet America's growing needs while reducing its dependence on foreign sources of energy

Highway Bill – Provide equitable and reliable funding for necessary infrastructure projects

Free Trade Legislation – Approve negotiated agreements that bolster the U.S. economy and expand American job opportunities

Trade Promotion Authority – Extend President's authority to negotiate additional trade agreements to open world markets for American businesses and consumers

Asbestos Bill – Pass asbestos reform that will save American jobs and help injured workers. Target help to those workers injured by asbestos and protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits.

Class Action Reform – Reduce junk lawsuits by streamlining legal process to ensure that injured Americans receive compensation

Welfare Reform Reauthorization – Build on the success of previous welfare reform by expanding work opportunities and strengthening families

Workforce Investment Act – Provide American workers with enhanced opportunities to receive training for new and better jobs

Workplace Flexibility – Permit employers to establish voluntary compensatory and flexible time policies to give employees more choices

Enhanced Workplace Safety – Reform OSHA to increase compliance, reduce wasteful expenses and cut bureaucratic red tape in order to help minimize workplace accidents

Higher Education Reauthorization – Support accessibility and affordability of higher education for all students, and stronger links between post-secondary institutions and businesses